

The Diocese of New Jersey



222nd Diocesan Convention

Hilton Conference Hotel, Cherry Hill
March 3-4, 2006

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Join us as we gather at Convention this year, to conduct the business of the Diocese, in an exploration of ways to lead and to inspire mission and ministry in our Church. The information in this mailing will be helpful in preparing your time spent at the 222nd Annual Convention, scheduled to begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, March 3, at the Hilton Philadelphia/Cherry Hill Hotel, Cherry Hill. Adjournment will be when business is completed on Saturday, March 4. See the tentative schedule in this mailing. Additional materials and information will be sent in future mailings. Updates will be posted on our website www.newjersey.anglican.org.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hilton Conference Hotel for those attending the convention from outside of the immediate area at a rate of \$107 single and \$117 double per night. Reservations at this rate can be made by guests through February 1, 2006. Any reservations made after this date, will be based on the current availability and prevailing rates. To receive this rate, please call the hotel directly at 856 665-6666 by February 1, 2006 and mention that you are attending the *Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey*.

According to NJ State Law, individuals attending a convention of a tax exempt organization are not entitled to the same state sales tax exemptions that the registered organization is entitled to. All **tax-exempt payments** must be made by the individual church's check or credit card and accompanied by a NJ issued ST-5 form.

Directions and Parking

Free parking is available on the premises of the Hilton Conference Hotel. To arrive at the Hilton **from points North**, take the New Jersey Turnpike South to Exit 7 to Interstate 295 South. Exit at 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 West). Proceed on Route 70 West approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd./Collingswood Exit. The Hilton is on the left.

From points South, take Interstate 295 North to Exit 34B (Cherry Hill/Route 70 West). Proceed to Route 70 West approximately 4 miles to the Cuthbert Blvd./Collingswood Exit. The Hotel is on the left.

Convention Registration

Registration will be from 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 3 and 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 4 at the Hilton Conference Hotel in the Terrace Room located to your left as you enter the lobby from the main entrance of the Hilton Conference Hotel.

Who should pre-register?

All clergy, deputies, and alternates attending in place of deputies should pre-register.

Who does not need to pre-register?

All visitors, press, and alternates attending as visitors and not replacing deputies should visit the information table to sign in and receive a convention packet.

Reminder: All names of deputies and alternates need to be mailed to Diocesan House on the gold prescribed form (mailed to parishes in November) by January 25, 2006 so that convention packets can be properly prepared. If there are changes after this date, please advise Diocesan House as soon as possible.

Lay Deputies are to present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Conference Hotel. Signage will be visible at the Registration Tables depicting the congregation by TOWN. Each deputy to convention will sign for an individual convention packet and envelope containing nametag and meal tickets if ordered. Only deputies authorized to vote will be given voting cards and ballots. Your name must be on our Master List, so please make sure your congregation has mailed in the appropriate form listing deputies and alternates.

Alternates serving in place of a deputy will present themselves at the Lay Registration Tables. If alternate's name is not on the deputy registration form, then his/her validity to serve must be certified by his/her priest-in-charge. An alternate attending convention but not replacing a deputy must register at the Information Table as a visitor for a packet.

Clergy are to present themselves at the Clergy Registration Tables in the Terrace Room of the Hilton Conference Hotel. Signage will be visible at the Registration Tables with the LAST NAMES listed alphabetically. Each cleric will sign for a convention packet and envelope containing a nametag and meal tickets if ordered. Only clergy authorized to vote will be given voting cards and ballots.

NOTE: Press, visitors, guests, and alternates not replacing deputies should present themselves at the Information Table to register for a convention packet and to receive nametags that are needed to enter the plenary sessions.

Women's Commission/ECW Breakfast

When planning for the Diocesan Convention, be sure to include the WC/ECW Annual Breakfast slated for Saturday, March 4 at 8:00 a.m. Enjoy the presentation and question and answer session with Dr. Renée Tembeckjian. See the registration form in this mailing.

Convention Eucharist *New Time*

The Convention Eucharist will be on Friday morning, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Riverside Pavilion. All guests and members of the diocese are invited to attend the Eucharist. The Bishop's Address will be given during this time.

Chapel

The chapel is located in Plaza VII on the second floor. It is available for worship and meditation throughout the convention. The Twelve-Step program will meet in this room at the same time slated for the Fellowship Hour.

Exhibits

Registration forms for exhibitors were included in the first convention mailing. Tables are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please return Exhibit Registration Forms by the deadline with information and fees. Set up for exhibits will be the evening of March 2 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the morning of March 3 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Upon arrival at the Conference Hotel, please ask to see The Rev. Dr. Edward Murphy who will direct you to your assigned exhibit table.

Banquet

The Banquet will be held on Friday evening, March 3, in the Riverside Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. Advance purchase of tickets is required. Please fill in the banquet ticket order form found in this mailing and return by the requested deadline along with the proper amount. Checks are payable to the Diocese of New Jersey. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and will be included in the envelope at registration.

Don't miss our banquet entertainer, the Rev. Mark Giroux, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chenango Bridge in the Diocese of Central New York. Father Giroux is a singing, liturgical comedian. Please join us for a social evening of fun and laughter with Father Giroux.



Breakfast and Lunch

- ✚ Breakfast will be available as a cash purchase in the main lobby.
- ✚ Lunch on **Friday, March 3 will be a pre-ordered, pre-paid box lunch.** *New*
- ✚ Lunch on Saturday, March 4 will be available as a cash purchase in the main lobby.

Order form and menu selections are included in this mailing.

Note: The pre-paid box lunches for Friday, March 3 should be pre-ordered on the prescribed form found in this mailing. There will be a pre-paid box lunch ticket in your registration envelope to pick up your lunch on Friday, March 3.

Voting

If you are eligible to vote, your convention packet will contain your voting materials. Please wait for instructions before marking your ballots! Names may have been removed from the ballot, which will be announced prior to voting. Please make yourself familiar with the detailed instructions and Balloting Rules found in this mailing and in the convention packet.

Child Care

We are pleased to offer child care at convention for a second year. When you elect Convention deputies at your Annual Meeting, keep in mind that we have contracted members of the teaching staff from Trinity Cathedral's Academy and a room at the Hilton Conference Hotel to provide child care during Convention. The issue has been raised in the past that people could not allow their names to be considered as Convention Deputies because of child care needs. This is an attempt to include deputies who might otherwise not be able to attend Convention by offering this service at no charge. Child care will be available on Friday, March 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to the close of Convention, for children ages 4 to 12. Snacks and a light lunch will be provided. The registration form is included in this mailing and is due back February 3, 2006.

Pre-Convention Hearings

Pre-Convention Hearings will be held at four different locations. Please see the enclosed flyer for dates, times, agenda, and directions.

Resolutions

The Committee on Resolutions invites submission of proposed resolutions for consideration at the Diocesan Convention. Proposals should be submitted on white 8-1/2 x 11 paper, typed and double-spaced, and contain two sections: the RESOLVED paragraph naming the desired action, and a FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, as appropriate, providing for the implementation of the resolution if adopted. Each resolution should also be accompanied by a short explanatory statement by the proponent. Resolutions may be proposed by any communicant of any congregation in the diocese, whether or not a Convention deputy. Proposals should be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee, Paul Ambos, c/o Christ Church, 5 Paterson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901 (facsimile (732) 545-6264) or by email (pambos@amboslaw.com) so as to be received before the deadline of January 15, 2006.

Formal hearings will be held on resolution proposals at Diocesan House, 808 West State St., Trenton, on February 18, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Further hearings may be scheduled during the Convention. Informal discussions may take place at pre-convention meetings, subject to availability of members of the Committee on Resolutions.

REMINDERS:

- Hotel reservations - for reservations at the convention rate call by February 1
- Clergy pre-registration - due February 21
- Lay pre-registration - due February 21
- Friday, March 3 lunch order (available as prepaid order only) - due February 21
- Banquet Form - due February 21
- WC/ECW Breakfast form - due February 21
- Child Care - due February 3

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Tentative Schedule

Thursday, March 2, 2006

Evening Convention Set-Up
Exhibit Set-up

Friday, March 3, 2006

7:30 a.m. Convention Registration
Exhibit Set-up

7:30 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
Cash purchase at site

10:00 a.m. Eucharist (Bishop’s Address)

11:45 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch
Pre-paid box lunch

1:00 p.m. Business Session

3:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker

4:00 p.m. Business Session Resumes

6:30 p.m. Fellowship

6:30 p.m. Twelve-Step Program

7:30 p.m..... Banquet

Saturday, March 4, 2006

7:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

7:30 a.m. Convention Registration

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Women’s Commission/ECW Breakfast

8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
Cash purchase at site

10:00 p.m. Business Session Resumes

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch
Cash purchase at site

2:00 p.m. Business Session Resumes (if needed)

NOTE: Subject to change

Please watch for more information in future mailings.
Also, visit us at www.newjersey.anglican.org